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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR CONTEMPT ACTION

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1. TO HIGHCOM WINKEL. PEACE CORPS GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE ADVISES THAT JUDGE GIANOTTI HAS SCHEDULED HEARING FRIDAY YOUR TIME IN TRUK ON QUESTION WHETHER PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR BURGESS AND POSSIBLY OTHERS SHOULD BE HELD IN CONTEMPT FOR ALLEGEDLY VIOLATING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED BY GIANOTTI AGAINST TRUK HOSPITAL AND PEACE CORPS CONCERNING A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM TRUK HOSPITAL. ALLEGED CONTEMPT BY BURGESS ARISES FROM HIS ACTION TERMINATING VOLUNTEER FROM PEACE CORPS PROGRAM. FOREGOING MAY NOT BE WHOLLY ACCURATE BECAUSE PEACE CORPS HERE NOT CERTAIN AS TO FACTS, BUT SOMETHING LIKE THE FOREGOING HAS TRANSPIRED. PLEASE NOTE THAT IT HAS BEEN HELD THAT HIGH COURT HAS NO JURISDICTION OVER THE PEACE CORPS, 4TT4428. PEACE CORPS HERE HOPES THAT TT ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL REPRESENT PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR BURGESS IN FRIDAY HEARING. I SAID I THOUGHT THIS UNOBJECTIONABLE. THEY FURTHER
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REPORT THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS UNWILLING TO DO THIS UNLESS HE HAS SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FROM WASHINGTON. WHILE I QUESTION NEED FOR THIS, I HEREBY AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY

GENERAL TO REPRESENT PEACE CORPS IF YOU CONCUR.
RUTH VAN CLEVE , DIR. OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS
SENDS. VANCE

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